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METHOD AND SYSTEMS FOR

SCREENING CHINESE ADDRESS

DATA

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Minor changes have been made to the specification. Claims 1 and 8 are amended and new claim 16 has been added. Claims 1-16 remain in the application.



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|   | Prior to examination, enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:   |  |                                       |                  |              |   |           |              |                |      |  |
|   | 1.  | Preliminary Amendment;   |                                       |                  |              |   |           |              |                |      |  |
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|   | 3. Transmittal letter (in duplicate).   |  |                                       |                  |              |   |           |              |                |      |  |
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